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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BASIS OF PROGRESS.

Newspaper writers sometimes remark, in hasty generalization, that a free press lies at the foundation of successful civil government. Yet probably in Mexico today the editors express their opinions with much freedom. But they must be prepared to back that freedom by quick resource to the hip pocket.

Not merely free speech is needed, but the spirit of tolerance of free speech. An editor has the right to criticize those who differ from him personally in public matters. Also he has a right to attack the character of his antagonists, provided he is convinced that he tells the truth, and is prepared to submit the justice of his statements to the courts.

The killing of the editor of a famous Parisian newspaper is not necessarily an indictment of the whole French people. Similar cases occur with some regularity in this country. Fortunately they grow more rare.

The larger people's minds grow, the less keenly they take personal controversy.

The great antagonists of the United States senate hurl their defiance at each other with Olympian thunders. Afterward they adjourn to the restaurant, while their friendship is repaired, and differences are tolerated.

It is a very easy matter to become excited over trifles. The hardest thing is to grin and bear it, realizing no personal slings and refusing to be ruffled by criticism. The bigger the man the more of a public character he becomes and the greater interest his acts excite. Criticism by the press is the most wholesome influence in our free system of government. It acts as a bridle upon the unrestrained public man and safeguards the whole people.

So it ought to be in newspaper controversy. Few editors put bitter personal feeling into it. It is their trade to express points of view. They would be false to the people that hire them did they fall in so doing.

When a man shoots up or tries to "lick" the editor, he hurts the place where he lives. It gives the rest of the world the impression that the town belongs on the social frontier. Such an incident turns the sympathy of the community to the assaulted man. But if the editor is in the wrong, the sympathy of the community can always be won against him, by the calm statement of the truth in lawful ways.

The newspaper which leads must of necessity take decided stands, fearlessly and aggressively.

There is no place in modern life for the weak and vacillating newspaper or public official.

THE LESSON SHE TEACHES.

Helen Keller, deaf and sightless, yet a mind stored with knowledge and a soul radiant with the touch of divine glory. Has she been chosen from among all the millions of earth to teach us how little we value our blessings—our wonderful and unimpaired faculties—and how little effort we make to develop them for the world's good? In the presence of Helen Keller the average man must bow his head in shame at his own indifference to his intellectual opportunities. And think what a world benefactor is Mrs. Macey, her teacher, plodding through twenty-seven years of such tedious work—radiating light into the deep darkness surrounding her pupil and into the silent chambers of her brain; and what a glorious result! Miss Keller says the world is beautiful and life glorious. What a lesson!—persistence and patience on the part of both teacher and pupil greater than the world has before known—and now they are both prepared to show, in ocular and oral truth, what tremendous obstacles can be overcome through persistent effort. Miss Keller and Mrs. Macey are teaching one of the greatest lessons ever taught. Will the people apply it and redouble their efforts in self-development?

SOMEWHAT PERSONAL.

During the past two months many friends of the Tidings editor have encouraged him to become a candidate for state senator. It would be a very great honor, as well as a responsibility, to represent Jackson county in the upper branch of the state legislature. It is a prospect which has strongly appealed to us. We think we can see many things that might be accomplished for this district by persistent and energetic effort upon the part of a representative, and we are free to admit that we cherish such honor as would follow its accomplishment. Were there no other considerations to be regarded at this time we would enter the race. But the true obligation of man is, first to his family, second to his city, third to his county, then to his state and nation. Not infrequently a country editor's ambition vaunteth high—often higher than his ability—and the Tidings editor is no exception to that rule. He would be glad if he had the ability and could be president of this glorious country; but he has not the ability and may never reach that goal. The next honor in line of the ambition of a country editor should be to represent his state in national councils, or his county in state legislation. We aspire to either.

However, already we have assumed a large share in the responsibility of bringing the splendid medicinal waters into the city of Ashland and establishing this beautiful city as one of the foremost health resorts in America. For some time we have been engaged in that business and must, of necessity, be so engaged until after the primary date, for the bond matter cannot be determined and the work turned over to the city before the middle of June. The primary election is held May 15. Senator Von der Hellen would be our competitor for the honor at the primaries. He is not only an affable gentleman, but is some campaigner as well. If we landed more votes than he, it would take some work in the campaign. I cannot give my time and thought to politics at this time without neglecting the springs work. Therefore I have decided not to become a candidate for state senator.

It is more important to Ashland and to Jackson county that the springs enterprise be forwarded to a successful termination than that any particular man be elected as state senator. Avaunt, political bee; we will finish the tourist resort work first.

TEN-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE FREE.

The Tidings will give a prize of ten dollars in gold to the person guessing closest to the number of tourists that will visit Ashland during the season of 1915, if the springs are brought in. All guesses must be in by May 1, 1914 (30 days from now), and the prize will be awarded at the end of the season next year.

The person winning this prize will no doubt be the one who studies tourist movements at other resorts closest, and makes the most correct comparison between the attractions of the other resorts with Ashland after the springs are in.

Address all guesses to the Mineral Springs Guess Department of the Tidings.

The guesses, together with a short reason why, by the guesser, will be printed in the Tidings. Sign your own name to your guess.

Last summer during the short season at Crater Lake 6,300 visitors registered, notwithstanding there were ninety miles of steep, rough roads to travel in reaching it. Had it been located on the main line of the Southern Pacific railway, and upon the hard-surfaced Pacific Highway, as Ashland is, how many more thousand tourists would have visited it last season? Ashland's mineral waters, when mobilized in our park, will prove as great attraction as Crater Lake can ever hope to be.

Jack Frost seldom injures tourist crops. Few seasons are so unfavorable but that gardens and fruit can be made to pay expenses if a ready home market, at good prices, can be secured. That is one of the advantages that is held by a tourist resort.

Many newspapers will soon be getting personal interviews with Mr. Roosevelt on his trip, by giving some smart reporter copies of "The Strenuous Life," "African Game Trails," and a guide book to South America.

A Cure for Sour Stomach.

Mrs. Wm. M. Thompson of Battle Creek, Mich., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion, sour stomach and bad breath. After taking two bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets I am well. These tablets are splendid—none better." For sale by all dealers.

The Tidings for artistic printing.

JUDGE GRANT B. DIMICK

Republican Candidate for Governor of Oregon.

To the Legal Voters of Oregon: I have filed my declaration with the secretary of state as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, and as the law limits the expenditure of each candidate for this office to 15 per cent of one year's salary, I am compelled, in order to abide by the spirit and letter of the law, to avoid making an expensive campaign, and in order to reach the voters whom I will not be able to reach in person, I herewith submit through the press for your consideration the following:



First—I stand for a strict and rigid enforcement of every criminal statute.

Second—I favor equitable labor laws giving to the laborer just consideration.

Third—I am opposed to high and extravagant legislative appropriations and the constant creation of salaried boards and commissions which carry with them an army of employes to be paid by the taxpayers of the state.

Fourth—I stand for the constant improvement of our public school system free from extravagance, and should the supreme court of the United States declare a forfeiture of the lands now held by the Oregon & California Railroad Company, then and in that event I favor urging congress to place those lands at the disposal of the irreducible state school fund of Oregon.

Fifth—I stand for the permanent improvement of public roads from the market centers into the agricultural districts, the same to be built under skilled management, so as to get full value for the money expended.

Sixth—I favor a constitutional amendment allowing the governor to veto any one or more items in an appropriation measure without vetoing the entire measure.

High tax levies are usually the result of excessive appropriations and experimental legislation, and the most effective cure for that abuse is to be more careful in the selection of your legislative members.

I was born in Marion county, Oregon, March 4, 1869, and was educated in the public schools, McMinnville College and the State Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon; admitted to the bar by the supreme court in 1895; served five terms as mayor of Oregon City, three as deputy district attorney; was elected presidential elector on the republican ticket in 1904, and county judge of Clackamas county in 1906. I am deeply interested in agricultural pursuits, own and manage the Dimick Stock Farm at Hubbard, Oregon, and publish the Western Stock Journal at Oregon City.

I respectfully submit my candidacy to the consideration of the republican voters of Oregon.

GRANT B. DIMICK.

87-4t-Thurs. [Paid Adv.]

Nothing So Good for a Cough or Cold.

When you have a cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to get rid of it with the least possible delay. There are many who consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy unsurpassed. Mrs. J. Boroff, Elida, Ohio, says: "Ever since my daughter Ruth was cured of a severe cold and cough by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy two years ago, I have felt kindly disposed toward the manufacturers of that preparation. I know of nothing so quick to relieve a cough or cure a cold." For sale by all dealers.

Magazines.

We take subscriptions at the Tidings office for new subscribers or renewals to the following magazines: The Ladies' Home Journal, The Saturday Evening Post, The Country Gentleman, also Good Housekeeping, Hearst's Magazine, Motor Boating, Cosmopolitan, Harper's Bazar.

You save money by subscribing for these magazines and have the advantage of having them delivered at your home.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Idle Women.

The most unhappy women in our communities today are those who have no engagements to call them up in the morning, who, once having risen and breakfasted, lounge through the dull forenoon in slippers down at the heel and with disheveled hair, reading the last novel, and who, having dragged through a wretched forenoon and taken their afternoon sleep and having spent an hour and a half at their toilet, pick up their card case and go out to make calls, and who pass their evenings waiting for somebody to come in and break up the monotony. Arabella Stuart never was imprisoned in so dark a dungeon as that.

There is no happiness in an idle woman. It may be with hand, it may be with brain, it may be with foot, but work she must or be wretched forever. The little girls of our families must be started with that idea. The curse of our American society is that our young women are taught that the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, tenth, fiftieth thousandth thing in their life is to get someone to take care of them. Instead of that, the first lesson should be how, under God, they may take care of themselves. The simple fact is that a majority of them do have to take care of themselves and that, too, after having, through the false notions of their parents, wasted in the year in which they ought to have learned how successfully to maintain themselves. We now and here declare the inhumanity, cruelty and outrage that father and mother who pass their daughters into womanhood, having given them no facility for earning their livelihood. Madame de Staël said: "It is not these writings that I am proud of, but the fact that I have facility in ten occupations, in any one of which I could make a livelihood."

A Word to Wives and Mothers.

Keep in advance of your boys and girls. Be prepared to lead them, and do not, as you value your husband's love, allow him to develop and improve while you lose your hold upon those things which contribute so largely to a woman's attractiveness. I see about me every day sisters who, when they married, were, I haven't a doubt, intellectually equal, if not superior, to the men with whom they cast their lot. In some occult fashion they drift apart.

A man in daily contact with bright minds, in his traveling, thinking, planning, reading, unconsciously grows away from the woman of his choice unless she is in turn kept witted enough to make up her mind that this shall not be the case.

A man likes at night, when he puts on his slippers and settles down for a smoke, to discuss the topics of the moment and not babies and the Gellinencies of the cook. Where one woman can do this, a dozen would be utterly at sea if an attempt were made to lure them away from them, to them, always fascinating them, kitchen and nursery.

Be wary lest in your devotion to sewing machines, bread board and broom you allow blessed opportunities for self-culture to slip by until

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you find yourself a target for somebody's commiseration.

A mistaken notion ties women down to petty details, when many precious moments might be given to something that would elevate and refine.

Labor is life, but worry is killing. Accept things as they are, and do not bother about the yesterday, which is gone forever; do not bother about tomorrow, which is not yours; but

take the present day and make the best of it.

Some horrid man says: "A woman can adapt herself to circumstances more readily than a man. She will drive a nail with a poker or a hairbrush, take out a cork with the scissors, no matter if it is pushed in, and sharpen lead pencils with her husband's razors."

Phone news items to the Tidings.

Aged People

sometimes forget that poor teeth and improper mastication prevent sufficient nourishment from ordinary food and burden the digestive organs, but if every man or woman past fifty would fully realize the bountiful, sustaining nourishment in Scott's Emulsion they would take it after every meal.

Scott's Emulsion contains the renowned body-building fats of pure cod liver oil, so medically predigested that it distributes energy, power and strength all thru the body and simplifies the stomach's work.

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Land Prices Drop

BUT THEY DON'T DROP BELOW THE BOTTOM. They have been at the bottom for some time. They were thought to be too high a short while ago, but they will soon start upward again and go still higher. Don't laugh, frown or shrug your shoulders at this, for it is a fact. "History repeats." I have recently had more calls from clients "raising their price" or "withdrawing" than listing new offerings or lowering prices. But I still have some properties at REDUCED PRICES.

- 700-acre stock ranch, easy access..... \$20,000
- 320-acre general and stock farm, alfalfa and fruit \$20,000
- 300-acre stock farm \$10,000
- 160-acre mountain ranch..... \$ 4,000
- 240-acre farm..... \$12,000

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